

Status of Fish Population in Laurel Lake 2003 Edition

Laurel Lake is a small impoundment located within the Breaks Interstate Park in Dickenson County. Like the rest of the park, the lake offers plenty of solitude and scenery. The shoreline is mostly forested, with walking trails providing good access.

The lake's fishery is surprisingly good for a small waterbody. Largemouth bass are abundant. Most of the largemouths are 12 to 14 inches long, but some bigger bass are available for those with the skills, patience or luck to catch them. Bluegill sunfish are also abundant. There are some nice bluegills waiting to entertain anglers both young and old; several bluegills over 8 inches long were collected in 2002. Black crappie are present, but not abundant. Some nice flathead and channel catfish have also been collected in recent years.

The Breaks Interstate Park offers lots of amenities including: lodging (motel and cabin), a fine restaurant, hiking trails, playgrounds, and a swimming pool. Of course, the park also offers breathtaking views of the Russell Fork River as it passes through what is known as the Grand Canyon of the East. For more information about the Breaks Interstate Park call 1-800-982-5122.